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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PAPER ON US-EURATOM AGREEMENT

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS A PAPER DEALING WITH THE ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE IN COURSE OF REVISING THE US-EURATOM BILATERAL AGREEMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE THIS PAPER BUT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE FOLLOWING THREE PARAGRAPHS FROM IT WHICH ARE ALLEGED TO BE THE COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ITS APPROACH.
2. BEGIN QUOTE: A) THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS IS AN ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLE OF THE ROME TREATIES; NUCLEAR MATERIAL MUST THEREFORE BE ABLE TO MOVE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT AMERICAN APPROVAL;

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- B) THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE RE-PROCESSING, ALTERING OR STORAGE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, GIVES RISE TO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE IT MIGHT LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION AND JEOPARDIZE THE NUCLEAR COMMON MARKET;
- C) A DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN "NUCLEAR-WEAPON" AND "NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON" COUNTRIES WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE

ROME TREATIES. END QUOTE.

3. COMMISSIONER BRUNNER HAS INDICATED TO US THAT SPAAK IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RESPECT THESE PRINCIPLES IN HIS CONVERSATIONS BOTH WITH THE EXECUTIVE AND IN HIS CONTACTS WITH THE HILL WHERE LEGISLATION IS PENDING WHICH COULD CONDITION THE FORTHCOMING US-EURATOM DISCUSSIONS.

4. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED MILD SURPRISE AT POINT C, SAYING IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR-WEAPON AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WAS IN FACT REFLECTED IN THE EURATOM TREATY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF SAFEGUARDS. HINTON

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